WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

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1. A method for obtaining hardware resource, said method comprising the steps of:

obtaining one of the hardware resources in a system, which resources have not been obtained, for a resource usage of a hardware resource obtaining

request, when each use rate of the hardware resources, which have been obtained and which resource usages are identical with that of the hardware resource obtaining request, exceeds a predetermined threshold,

whereby one of hardware resources in the system is obtained based on the resource usage indicated by the hardware resource obtaining request every time the hardware resource obtaining request occurs.

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2. An apparatus for obtaining hardware resource, said apparatus comprising:

a comparing part comparing a predetermined threshold with each use rate of hardware resources, which have been obtained and which resource usages are identical with that of a hardware resource obtaining request; and

an obtaining part obtaining one of the hardware resources, which resources have not been obtained, for the resource usage of the hardware resource obtaining request, when each use rate of the hardware resources being obtained exceeds the predetermined threshold,

whereby one of hardware resources in the

system is obtained based on the resource usage indicated by the hardware resource obtaining request every time the hardware resource obtaining request occurs.

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3. The apparatus as claimed in claim 2, 10 further comprising:

a securing part securing some of the hardware resources so as to obtain at least one of the hardware resources for each of a plurality of resource usages.

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4. The apparatus as claimed in claim 2, 20 further comprising:

an obtaining-to-use part obtaining a part of an unused area of the hardware resources that have been obtained in a condition in which each resource usage of the hardware resources is identical with

25 that of said hardware resource obtaining request and each use rate of the hardware resources exceeds the predetermined threshold.

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 $\ \,$ 5. The apparatus as claimed in claim 2, further comprising:

a threshold setting part dynamically

35 setting a threshold of said each resource usage based on the use rate of said each resource usage of the hardware resources in the system.

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- 5 6. The apparatus as claimed in claim 2, further comprising:
 - a given threshold setting part setting a given threshold to the threshold of said each resource usage of the hardware resources in the
- 10 system.
- 7. An apparatus for obtaining hardware resource, said apparatus comprising:
 - a first selecting-to-use part selecting one hardware resource having a least use rate in hardware resources that have been obtained in a condition in which each resource usage of the hardware resources is identical with the resource
 - usage of a hardware resource obtaining request; and a using part using a part of an unused area of said one hardware resource selected by said first selecting-to-use part,

whereby one of hardware resources in the system is obtained based on the resource usage indicated by the hardware resource obtaining request every time the hardware resource obtaining request occurs.

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 8. The apparatus as claimed in claim 7, further comprising:
 - a threshold setting part dynamically

setting a threshold of said each resource usage based on the use rate of said each resource usage of the hardware resources in the system.

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 $\ensuremath{9}$. The apparatus as claimed in claim 8, further comprising:

a priority setting part setting a priority of each resource usage based on the use rate of said each resource usage of each of the hardware resources in the system.

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10. An apparatus for obtaining hardware resource, said apparatus comprising:

a second selecting-to-use part selecting one hardware resource which has the use rate being less than a upper limit and has a largest resource, in hardware resources that have been obtained in a condition in which each resource usage of the hardware resources is identical with the resource

nardware resources is identical with the resource usage of a hardware resource obtaining request; and

a using part using a part of an unused area of said one hardware resource selected by said second selecting-to-use part,

whereby one of hardware resources in the system is obtained based on the resource usage indicated by the hardware resource obtaining request every time the hardware resource obtaining request occurs.

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